

Time to review garden results

FLEMINGTON, N.J. - This is a good time to review the successes and failures you've experienced in your vegetable garden this year. If this was your first gardening adventure, it is very important to make notes on its performance. Don't be discouraged if you had some failures - even experienced gardeners lose some crops.

Here are some points to consider to improve your vegetable garden in 1979.

* Proper liming and fertilizing. Don't guess - have your soil tested.

Contact your county agricultural agent for instructions.

* Plant at the proper time. Many cool weather vegetables should be planted in late March or early April.

* Plants killed by late frost. Tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables are sold in the markets weeks before the last killing frost in the spring. You may have to buy them early to get the variety you want, but don't plant them until you're sure danger of frost is over.

* Too many zucchini, not enough beans. Determine the number of plants by the

amount expected to be consumed by the family.

* Crops matured while away on vacation. Check maturity dates in seed catalogs and extension service literature before making selections.

* Bugs and disease problems. Contact your county agricultural agent before the season starts. He has the information you need.

* Ample water. Maturing vegetables require much more water than you realize.

* Pick at proper stage of maturity. Peak quality disappears fast if you do not harvest at the proper time.

* Efficient use of garden space. Make a plan before the season starts. Consider intercropping, succession cropping and growing on trellises or stakes.

* Weeds. Hoe or cultivate weeds when they are NO LARGER than 1/2 inch.

* Fall gardening. Proper planning before the season starts will allow for late-seeded crops. Buy seed in the spring while plentiful. Popular varieties disappear by midsummer.

If gardeners give serious thought to these common mistakes while their gardening experience is still fresh in their minds, they can improve their ability to grow vegetables.



Andy Haas, Douglasville, exhibited the reserve champion steer which was purchased by Vintage Sales Stables at the Berks County Beef Roundup. Robert Frame represented Vintage Sales.

Beef sale

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Heffner; 3. Elaine Heffner; 4. Clinton Wurmser.

Intermediate Showmanship
1. Mike Rarick; 2. Ronald Heffner; 3. Elaine Heffner; 4. Clinton Wurmser.

Senior Fitting

1. Darlene Dietrich; 2.

Liane Haas; 3. Rodney Reichard; 4. Ron Sutliff.

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Judge for the event was Bill Holloway, manager of South Branch Angus Farm, York County. Six exhibitors from Berks County will be taking steers to the 1980 Farm Show and didn't sell them at the sale. These showman are: Rodney Reichard, Ron Sutliff, Mike Strause, Kent Fisher, Mike Rarick, and Sarah Hoffman.

A total of fifteen buyers

bought the 30 steers sold. They were: Muthard's Meats, Temple; Vintage Sales Stables; Strochecker Farms, Millerstown; National Central Bank, Ag Lending Division; Reading Bone Fertilizer Company, Reading; Balthausen Meats, Temple; Heintzelman Meats, Leighton; Deutsch, Festger, McFetmudge Associates in Commodities, Allentown; - F.M. Browns Sons Inc., Birdsboro; Leesport Market Restaurant, Leesport; Erb and Henry Equipment Company, Betchelsville; George Baumert, Livestock Dealer, Herdon; Oscar Baumert, livestock dealer, Herdon; and Neil Gilbert, Leighton.

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